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SUMMARY. ACTING SYG HAS CIRCULATED DRAFT AGENDA AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. ACTING SYG CONCLUDES THAT RESTRUCTURING MEETINGS TO PERMIT MORE MEANINGFUL DEBATE IS UNREALISTIC UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS AVAILABLE. TEXT OF PO/73/146 AND MISSION COMMENTS FOLLOW. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR AN EARLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PO/73/146 WITH ITS TWO ANNEXES.

DRAFT AGENDA AND OUTLINE TIMETABLE FOR DEFENCE MINISTERS MEETING

I ATTACH AT ANNEX I A DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION IN DECEMBER. IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY AT STAFF LEVEL BETWEEN DELEGATIONS.

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2. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL WISH TO CONSIDER THIS AGENDA IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL ON 31ST OCTOBER ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RESTRUCTURING THE DISCUSSIONS AT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. I THEREFORE ALSO ATTACH AT ANNEX II

A TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MINISTERS WILL AGREE TO MAKE THEIR MAIN STATEMENTS UNDER ITEM II, THAT THESE WILL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES EACH, AND THAT THEIR LATER INTERVENTIONS ARE FOCUSED DIRECTLY ON THE AGENDA ITEM CONCERNED. IT ALSO ALLOWS FOR THE RESTRICTED SESSION WHICH SOME PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SUGGESTED. IT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, ALLOW FOR AN INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING ON THE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE RECENT MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN PROPOSED. THIS AND THE ENSUING DISCUSSION WOULD, I SUPPOSE, OCCUPY AT LEAST A FURTHER FORTY MINUTES DURING THE DAY.

3. IT IS, OF COURSE, IMPOSSIBLE TO FORECAST THE DURATION OF DEBATE IN ANY PRECISE WAY. BUT I BELIEVE THAT THIS TABLE DEMONSTRATES THAT, IF THE MEETING IS TO BE RESTRUCTURED TO ALLOW MORE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS, SUFFICIENT TIME MUST BE ALLOWED. THIS MEANS THAT THE IDEA OF RESTRUCTURING THE DISCUSSION IN THE MANNER SUGGESTED MUST REGRETTABLY BE CONSIDERED AS UNREALISTIC UNLESS MINISTERS WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET EARLIER THAN IS THEIR USUAL PRACTICE, TO SIT LONGER, OR TO EXTEND THE MEETING INTO THE MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY.

4. I SUGGEST THAT WE RETURN TO THIS TOPIC AT AN EARLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ANNEX I

D R A F T

MINISTERIAL MEETING

MEETING OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION TO BE HELD AT THE NATO HEADQUARTERS, 1110 BRUSSELS, ON FRIDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1973 AT -----(1)

AGENDA

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I. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

II. SUMMARY APPRAISAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL
DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)...

III. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP

IV. NATO FORCE PLANNING

A. FORCEPLANS FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1978

REFERENCES: DPC/D(71)10

DPC/D(72)42, PARAGRAPH 3(D)

MCM-73-...

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)23 WITH COUNTRY CHAPTERS

AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES

B. BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENCE PLANNING

REFERENCE: DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 4(C)

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)...

C. STUDY ON SPECIALISATION IN THE CENTRAL REGION

REFERENCES: DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 4(D)

DPC/R(73)12, PARAGRAPH 13

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)...

D. ORGANIZATION, COMMAND AND CONTROL OF TACTICAL

AIRFORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

REFERENCES: DPC/D(72)42, PARAGRAPH 3(KH)

DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 5(B)

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DOCUMENT: (DPC/D(73)...) OR

(PO/73/...)

V. INFRASTRUCTURE

REFERENCE: DPC/D(73)13, ITEM VI

A. FUNDING LEVEL OF SLICE XXV AND STATUS OF

PLANNING FOR COST-SHARING PERIOD 1975-1979

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)...

B. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING -

COMPARISON OF BIDS WITHOUT TAXES AND DUTIES

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)...

VI. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE STATIONING OF

UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE

REFERENCES: DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 4(C)

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C-R(73)47

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C-M(73)93

DOCUMENT: C-M(73)...

VII. MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS

REFERENCE: DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 8

DOCUMENT: C-M73)...

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

IX. COMMUNIQUE

FOOTNOTE: (1) TO BE PRECEDED BY A MEETING OF THE NUCLEAR
DEFENCE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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ANNEX II

OUTLINE TIMETABLE FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING

9.30 A.M. N.D.A.C.
10.15 A.M. DPC (PHOTOGRAPHS)
10.30 A.M. ITEM I STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN,
MILITARY COMMITTEE
11.00 A.M. TIEM II SUMMARY APPRAISAL BY THE
SECRETARY GENERAL
(GENERAL STATEMENTS BY
THE SECRETARY GENERAL
AND MINISTERS)
12.15 A.M. ITEM III STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN,
EUROGROUP
1.00 P.M. LUNCH
3.00 P.M. RESTRICTED SESSION (SUBJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED)
4.00 P.M. ITEM IV.A FORCE PLANS 1974-1978
4.15 P.M. ITEM IV.B BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENCE
PLANNING
4.30 P.M. ITEM IV.C SPECIALISATION IN THE
CENTRAL REGION
4.45 P.M. ITEM IV.D ORGANIZATION OF TACTICAL
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AIR FORCES

5.00 P.M. ITEM V.A & B INFRASTRUCTURE
5.15 P.M. ITEM VI FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING
FROM STATIONING OF US
FORCES IN EUROPE
6.00 P.M. ITEM VII MUTUAL AND BALANCED
FORCE REDUCTIONS
6.30 P.M. ITEM VIII ANY OTHER BUSINESS
6.30 P.M. ITEM IX COMMUNIQUE

2. MISSION COMMENTS ON PO FOLLOW:

A. WE ASSUME SECDEF WILL VIEW ACTING SYG'S ATTEMPTS TO DRAW UP TIMETABLE FOR MEETING AND TO IMPOSE TIME LIMITATION OF FIVE MINUTES ON MAIN INTERVENTIONS AS MOVEMENT IN RIGHT DIRECTION. DURING FORTCOMING NAC DISCUSSION OF PO, UNDER PRESENT GUIDANCE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE POINTS THAT: THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR MINISTERS TO MAKE "MAIN INTERVENTIONS"; HOWEVER, THOSE WHO WISHED TO DO SO SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CIRCULATE THEIR STATEMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND MERELY SUMMARIZE THEM; THOSE WHO WERE UNWILLING EITHER TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING STATEMENTS OR TO CIRCULATE THEIR STATEMENTS IN ADVANCE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES FOR THEIR MAIN INTERVENTIONS.

B. IN ANNEX II OF THE PO, WE NOTE THAT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES ARE SET ASIDE FOR A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP. WE BELIEVE THIS IS EXCESSIVE AND PROPOSE TO QUESTION THE ALLOCATION DURING NAC DISCUSSION.

C. WE THINK A RESTRICTED SESSION FOR FREER DISCUSSION WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE BEFORE LUNCH THAN AFTER LUNCH AND PROPOSE SUCH A REARRANGEMENT.

D. WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THE ACTING SYG'S CONCLUSION THAT RESTRUCTURING IS UNREALISTIC, ESPECIALLY IF WE ARE ABLE TO CURTAIL THE NUMBER OF MAIN INTERVENTIONS AND SHORTEN THE TIME SET ASIDE FOR THE EUROGROUP CHAIRMAN.

E. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE AN AGENDA ITEM ON PRELIMINARY LESSONS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, POSSIBLY WITH SECDEF LEADING DISCUSSION.
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3. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON CONTENT OF DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA, INCLUDING PROPOSED OMISSION OF LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, AND ON MISSION COMMENTS ON PO. DATE FOR NAC DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. RUMSFELD

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